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SUBJECT: ALEKSANDR NIKOLAYEVICH IVANOV

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1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE TO THE DPS LEAD ON ALEKSANDR NIKOLAYEVICH ((IVANOV)). WE THINK YOUR PLANNING COVERS MOST Viable POSSIBILITIES AND WITH SOME LUCK CONTACT WITH SUBJ WILL BE ARRANGED. WE SUGGEST ASKING APPROPRIATE NVENGRAM COLLEAGUES WHETHER THEY BY CHANCE HAVE HAD ANY CONTACT WITH SUBJ.

2. RE YOUR REQUEST FOR BACKGROUND INFO. ON STEPAN ((BANDERA)):

A. FOR BRIEF PERIODS OF HISTORY THE UKRAINE HAS BEEN INDEPENDENT AND AMONG MANY UKRANIANS THERE HAS BEEN A STRONG SENSE OF NATIONALISM AND NATIONAL IDENTITY. IN RECENT YEARS, FOR THE MOST PART, THIS HAS NOT INVOLVED ACTIVE ASPIRATIONS FOR SEPARATION. HOWEVER, THIS WAS THE CASE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO WWII, PARTICULARLY IN THE FORMER WESTERN OBLASTS OF THE UKRAINE WHICH HISTORICALLY HAD, AT TIMES, BEEN UNDER POLISH RULE.

B. STEPAN BANDERA (BORN IN 1909 IN JAROSLAV, POLAND, WHICH IS NOW A PART OF THE USSR) BECAME ACTIVE IN THE ORGANIZATION OF UKRAINIAN NATIONALISTS (OUN) IN THE WESTERN UKRAINE IN 1929. THE OUN CARRIED OUT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AGAINST BOTH POLES AND RUSSIANS IN AN EFFORT TO FREE THE UKRAINE. IN 1934 BANDERA WAS ARRESTED IN ASSOCIATION WITH AN ASSASSINATION PLOT AGAINST THE POLISH MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH. THIS SENTENCE WAS LATER CHANGED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT AND IN 1940 HE WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON.

C. DURING THE PERIOD 1940-1941, BANDERA RENEWED HIS POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. HE JOINED ONE OF THE TWO PRO-GERMAN UKRAINIAN

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SUPPORT BATTALIONS OF THE OUN. BANDERA THEN SPLIT THE OUN AND ASSUMED LEADERSHIP OF ONE FACTION. (THE OTHER FACTION WAS LED BY ONE "MELNIK.") BANDERA TRIED TO SET UP A FREE UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT BUT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED BY THE NAZIS IN 1941; HE WAS INTERRED IN SEVERAL CONCENTRATION CAMPS FROM 1941 TO 1944 WHEN HE SUCCEEDED IN REACHING THE WEST. THROUGHOUT WWII, AND A SHORT PERIOD THEREAFTER, THE BANDERA FACTION CONTINUED ACTIVE RESISTANCE FIGHTING IN THE WESTERN UKRAINE. THE "MELNIK" FACTION FADED FROM THE SCENE AFTER THE WAR. DESPITE THE BANDERA FACTION RESISTANCE, THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES WERE FINALLY ABLE TO ESTABLISH FIRM AND EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER THE REGION IN THE LATE 1940'S.

2. ALTHOUGH BANDERA'S FACTION WAS EFFECTIVELY DEALT WITH INSIDE THE UKRAINE, BANDERA, NOW IN EXILE IN MUNICH, CONTINUED TO CALL FOR UKRAINIAN RESISTANCE TO SOVIET RULE. IN THIS STATUS HE OBVIOUSLY REPRESENTED A MAJOR THORN IN THE SIDE OF THE SOVIETS AND WAS PERCEIVED AS A THREAT TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES. THE SOVIETS DECIDED THAT HE HAD TO BE DEALT WITH AND FINALLY IN 1959 THE KGB SUCCEEDED IN MURDERING HIM. (THE ASSASSIN STALKED BANDERA FOR SEVERAL WEEKS IN MUNICH. ONE DAY BANDERA, WHO HAD SENT HIS BODYGUARDS TO LUNCH, WENT HOME AFTER HAVING DONE A BIT OF SHOPPING AT A LOCAL VEGETABLE MARKET. THE LONE KGB AGENT WAS WAITING INSIDE THE APARTMENT BUILDING ENTRANCE WHEN BANDERA ARRIVED AT THE APARTMENT. AS SOON AS BANDERA CAME THROUGH THE APARTMENT BUILDING FRONT DOOR, ARMS FULL OF FOOD PARCELS, THE AGENT FIRED BOTH BARRELS OF A CYANIDE GAS GUN INTO BANDERA'S FACE. BANDERA WAS DEAD WITHIN MINUTES. THE ASSASSIN SUCCESSFULLY MADE IT BACK TO THE USSR, WAS HIGHLY DECORATED, BUT FLED TO WEST BERLIN FOR FEAR OF HIS LIFE AFTER LEARNING THAT THE KGB OFTEN MURDERS ITS ASSASSINS TO MAINTAIN NON-COMPLICITY IN ASSASSINATIONS IT ORDERS.) FROM THE SOVIETS POINT OF VIEW, BANDERA WAS AN INEVITABLE TRAITOR AND THREAT TO THE SOVIET STATE ITSELF. MANY SOVIETS, ESPECIALLY FROM THE WESTERN UKRAINE, REGARD HIM AS A NATIONAL HERO AND CONCEIVABLY SOME UKRAINES STILL THINK OF HIM AS A HERO EVEN TODAY.

3. REGRET THAT SUM OF HIS INFO ON IVANOV WAS GIVEN IN REF B. HOWEVER, HIS OPS OFFICER WHO IS OF UKRAINIAN DESCENT, AND WHO COINCIDENTALLY IS BROTHER OF [REDACTED] C/O WHO DEBRIEFED BANDERA'S KGB ASSASSIN UPON HIS DEFLECTION TO THE WEST, SUGGESTED ONE POSSIBLE APPROACH TO IVANOV. ONCE HE IS LOCATED, HE SUGGESTS THAT STATION OFFICER/ACCESS AGENT REFLECT SOME FAMILY RELATION, I.E., AUNT.

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COUSIN, ETC, WHO IS UKRAINIAN. STATION CONTACT WOULD THEN SHOW SYMPATHY TOWARD THE UKRAINIAN CAUSE, PERHAPS SOME KNOWLEDGE OF BANDERA, AND LATER ON WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE IVANOV WITH PRO-UKRAINIAN NATIONALISM LITERATURE. WE HAVE A FAIRLY COMPREHENSIVE LIBRARY OF RUSSIAN, UKRAINIAN, AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE LITERATURE ON THE UKRAINIAN SITUATION, PAST AND PRESENT, FOR STATION'S USE.

4. GOOD LUCK IN LOCATING IVANOV. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT YOUR EFFORTS, IN THE DIFFICULT OPERATING ENVIRONMENT OF [] WILL BE FRUITFUL. WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR ANY CLUES AND INFO FROM OUR FILES AS TO WHY IVANOV MAY BE SYMPATHETIC TO THE UKRAINIAN NATIONALIST MOVEMENT. (PER REF B, CONNECTION MAY BE IVANOV'S FATHER.) WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR INITIAL CONTACT AND ASSESSMENT OF IVANOV.

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